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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: SNAR, PFOR, TU, UK

SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN

REF: LONDON 3336

1. FCO HAS INFORMED US OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SYG EREZ MARCH 15. EREZ REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S TV INTERVIEW LAST WEEK IN WHICH HE STATED TURKISH BAN ON POPPY GROWING WAS NOT RPT NOT RESULT OF ANY AGREEMENT WITH US. MATTER IS ONE OF TURKISH SOVEREIGNTY. BESIDES, TURKISH FARMERS ARE BEING KEPT OUT OF LEGITIMATE WORLD MARKETS OF OPIUM FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR REGISTERED PLEA ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS ONLY. WHILE EREZ SAID HE ACCEPTED THOSE GROUNDS,  
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TURKISH DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS COULD BE OVERRIDING FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S ESTIMATE WAS THAT GOT HAS MADE UP ITS MIND TO LIFT THE BAN.

4. WE TOLD FCO TURKISH DESK OFFICER THAT USG MAY NOT, AFTER ALL, RAISE OPIUM ISSUE IN OECD CONSORTIUM MEETING, DUE TO FORTHCOMING TURKISH MANNER IN CONSULTATIONS WITH USG (STATE 53893). SHE WILL PASS THEIR INFO TO BRITISH DELEGATION. DELEGATION WILL SPEAK AGAINST BAN IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS WITH TURKS, THOUGH STRIVING TO AVOID AROUSING TURKISH SUSPICIONS THAT NUBER OF NATIONS ARE GANGING UP IN ORCHESTRATED MANNER AGAINST THEM.

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